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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Department of Justice, Antitrust Division,

I do not believe the proposed settlement with Microsoft will remedy the harm already caused by Microsoft's past restriction of trade practices. Further, I do not see in the settlement any protection for "Open Source" software providers, specifically Linux and Apache which make up a large part of the Internet's infrastructure.

Far from protecting the public from Microsoft's predatory behavior, this agreement seems to simply spell out the rules under which Microsoft may continue to dominate markets and exclude competitors.

The Microsoft Antitrust Settlement fails to protect and serve the American people, who deserve better.

Sincerely,

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